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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MAINI, SURINDER M.

Examiner

Jennifer A. Boyd

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 April 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The Applicant's Request for Reconsideration, filed April 6, 2005, have been entered and have been carefully considered. Claims 10 – 18 are pending. The invention as currently claimed is unpatentable for reasons herein below.

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. Claims 10 – 18 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Behnke et al. (US 4,120,914) in view of Barbeau et al. (US 5,299,602) and further in view of Kolmes et al. (US 6,349,531). The details of the rejection can be found in paragraph 3 of the Office Action dated January 21, 2005. The rejection is maintained.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed April 6, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

5. Applicant argues that Kolmes distinguishes subjecting the yarns to an air jet to air texturing, which is used to form the random entangled loop structure in the subject invention. The Examiner agrees that differences exist between air jet and air texturing. The Examiner intended to use the Kolmes reference to show that air-jet texturing, as used by Applicant, is

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commonly employed in the art. Kolmes notes that air-jet texturing increases the cover of the yarn, resilience, warmth, insulation, and/or moisture absorption. Further, texturing may provide different surface texture to achieve decorative effects (column 1, lines 45 – 55).

6. Applicant argues that Kolmes teaches away from a yarn comprising loops. The Applicant refers to the statement in Kolmes that states “in one approach, the yarn structure is open by the air-jet, loops are formed therein, and the structure is closed again on the exiting jet” and argues that the end result would not comprise loops. It should be noted that in column 1, lines 59 – 64, Kolmes further explains that in this process “some loops may be locked inside the yarn and others may be locked on the surface of the yarn depending on a variety of process conditions and the structure of the air-jet texturing equipment used”. It should be noted that Kolmes positively teaches that loops would be present within the yarn and on the outside of the yarn upon completion of air-jet texturing. The rejection is maintained.

Conclusion

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event,


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however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer A. Boyd whose telephone number is 571-272-1473. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday (8:30am - 6:00pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel Morris can be reached on 571-272-1478. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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